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## Reid Nomination for Israel Post Opposed in Senate as 'Political'

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President Eisenhower's nomination of Ogden R. Reid, former editor and publisher of the New York Herald Tribune, to be Ambassador to Israel is running into trouble in the Senate.

The extent of the opposition is not known and probably will not be determined until the Senate Foreign Relations Committee holds hearings on the nomination.

So far, the Committee has made no plans to hold hearings, although the President sent the nomination to the Senate on March 10. The 33-year-old former publisher now is a director of the Herald Tribune.

Chairman J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) of the Foreign Relations Committee has let the Administration know that he is not happy about the nomination. Whether he will

vigorously fight confirmation will not be determined until the hearings are completed.

He will subject Reid to sharp cross-examination, however, to determine his qualifications for the post. Hearings probably will be held before the end of the month.

Next week the Foreign Relations Committee will hold open hearings on the nomination of Clare Boothe Luce to be Ambassador to Brazil. While there have been some grumblings about this nomination from Democratic Senators, it does not appear now that there will be any important opposition.

Mrs. Luce is the wife of Henry R. Luce, publisher of Time, Inc. She was formerly Ambassador to Italy.

Fulbright has made it clear he is opposed to the increasing number of "political" appointments to foreign service posts and thinks the practice should be checked. He thinks a good place to start is with Reid.

Some Democrats on the Committee are convinced that Reid has political aspirations in New York and thinks that a good stepping stone would be service as Ambassador to Israel.

Should the Senate reject the nomination, it would be the first defeat of an Eisenhower diplomatic nominee. In fact, the Senate has not rejected the nomination of an Ambassador since the McKinley Administration. A number of nominations for diplomatic posts, however, have encountered so much Senate opposition that they have been withdrawn.

Although the Reid nomination has annoyed some Democrats, it apparently has been well received in Israel. Former Israeli Ambassador to the United States Abba Eban called on Fulbright shortly before he left his post here to put in a favorable word for Reid.